IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, after the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" please amend as follows:

~~Figures 1 and 2 depict timers comprising a film on a glass slide undergoing a color change at refrigerator temperature.~~

~~Figure 3 depicts a timer similar to that depicted in Figure 1 undergoing a color change at room temperature.~~

~~Figure 4 depicts a timer similar to that depicted in Figure 1, but with a different redox indicator, undergoing a color change at refrigerator temperature.~~

~~Figures 5, 6, 7, and 8 depict timers comprising films deposited on the non-adhesive surface of polyester adhesive films undergoing color changes at various times and temperatures.~~

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of the timing device of this invention placed on an adhesive-backed film.

Figure 2A is a depiction of the timing device of this invention placed on a box containing a consumer good.

Figure 2B is a depiction of the timing device of this invention placed on a box containing a consumer good and after a period of time indicating color change of the timing device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Figure 1 shows the device 20 of the present invention in which a polymer film 10, such as a polyester film containing an adhesive layer 12 is

coated with a matrix layer 14 having mixed therein a redox indicator and a metal ion.

Figures 2A and 2B show a container 22 containing a consumer good in which the timing device 20 such as shown in Figure 1 is adhered thereto. Figure 2A shows timing device 20 having an initial color and Figure 2B shows a color change of timing device 20 upon the passage of time and exposure to air, thus, indicating a change of freshness of the goods within the container.

Please amend page 8, lines 1 and 2 as follows:

~~These changes are shown in Figure 1~~. Changing of the entire exposed area from orange to blue occurred in 45 ± 3 days.

Page 8, after Table 2 please amend as follows:

The composition was mixed as in Example 1. A 20 mil film was also drawn and set up for aging employing the procedure set forth in Example 1. ~~Results of the color change are shown in Figure 2~~. The color change occurred over a period of about 55 ± 6 days.

Example 3

The film described in Example 1 was aged at room temperature (72 ± 3 °F). ~~Results of the color change are shown in Figure 3. Note the~~ The size of the film was about ½" X 1", and ~~that~~ the bottom (covered) half also went through a color change. In this

Page 9, after Table 3 please amend as follows:

The mixture was initially blue, but gradually turned whitish-gray. As in Example 1, a film was drawn at a wet thickness of 20 mil. After drying overnight, the film was placed in a refrigerator (40°F). The bottom half of the film was wrapped in an adhesive film while the top half of the film was exposed to the air. ~~As shown in Figure 4, the~~ The exposed half of the film underwent a color change from white to blue over a period of about 48 days, and continued to darken with a more intense blue up to about 95 days.

Please amend page 11, second paragraph as follows:

~~Figure 5 shows the color change progression for Composition A at (wet) film thickness of 20 and 40 mil, and temperatures of 0°F, 40°F, and RT.~~ Times at which color changes occurred from orange to blue for (wet) film thickness of 20 and 40 mil, and temperatures of 0°F, 40°F, and RT, are summarized in Table 5.

Please amend page 11 after Table 5 as follows:

~~Figure 6 displays the~~ The color progressions of films drawn from Composition B~~. Results~~ are summarized in Table 6.

Please amend page 11 after Table 6 as follows:

~~Figure 7 displays the~~ The color progressions of films drawn from Composition C~~. Results~~ are summarized in Table 7.

Please amend page 12 after Table 7 as follows:

~~Figure 8 displays the~~ The color progressions of films drawn from Composition D~~. Results~~ are summarized in Table 8.